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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is building consensus on industrial tariffs among other developing countries at the WTO;

(b) if so, the success achieved in this regard;

(c) whether India is proposing certain modifications in the Girard formula for tariff reduction on industrial goods; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the success achieved so far in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): It is India`s constant endeavour to build consensus amongst like-minded developing countries on negotiating issues, including industrial tariffs, in the WTO.

(c) & (d): Consensus building amongst like-minded developing countries on industrial tariffs, including the changes to the Girard formula for tariff reduction, is an ongoing process which has not reached a conclusion.